GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Achievements by Anganwadi Centres
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures taken to set up Anganwadi Centres (AWCs), work done by these centres, their achievements and objectives and the measures taken to achieve the targets;

(b) the details of remuneration being given by the Government to Anganwadi workers and status of any additional payment being made to them by each of the States;

(c) whether the Government has held any consultation with the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) in regard to functioning of AWCs; and

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof and the benefits accrued therefrom in improving the functioning of AWCs?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)

(a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which was launched in 1975 with 33 Projects in 4891 Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) and expanded gradually. The objectives of this Scheme are as under :
(i) to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age-group 0-6 years;
(ii) to lay the foundation for proper psychological, physical and social development of the child;
(iii) to reduce the incidence of mortality, morbidity, malnutrition and school dropouts;
(iv) to achieve effective co-ordination of policy and implementation amongst the various departments to promote child development; and
(v) to enhance the capability of the mothers to look after the normal health and nutritional needs of the children through proper nutrition and health education.

These objectives are achieved by providing a package of six services under the ICDS scheme, viz., Supplementary Nutrition, Pre-school non-formal education, Nutrition & Health Education, Immunization, Health check-up; and Referral services.Three of the six services viz., immunization, health check-up and referral services are provided by Auxiliary Nurse Mid-wife (ANM)/Medical Officer (MO) of NRHM & Public Health Infrastructure.
ICDS scheme was expanded in three phases in the years 2005-06, 2007-08 and 2008-09, so as to cover all habitations, including SC/ST and minority dominated areas, across the country. The cumulative total of approved Projects and AWCs (including Mini-AWCs and 'Anganwadi on Demand') is 7076 and 14 lakh

respectively. While Projects are sanctioned at block level, AWCs are sanctioned at the habitation level on the basis of population norms.
The ICDS Scheme today operates through a network of 7073 fully operational Projects and 13.49 lakh AWCs as on 31.03.2016. The services are currently being provided to 10.21 crore beneficiaries of which 8.29 crore are children under six years of age and 1.92 crore are pregnant women and lactating mothers. Pre-school education is provided to 3.50 crore children of 3-6 years of age as on 31.03.2016.

(b) The Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers are paid fixed honorarium per month as decided by the Government from time to time. Presently, Anganwadi Workers and Anganwadi Helpers are paid Honoraria of Rs.3000/- per month and Rs.1500/- p.m. respectively w.e.f. 01.04.2011. The Anganwadi Workers of Mini AWCs are being paid honoraria of Rs.2250/- w.e.f. 04.07.2013. Apart from these, additional monetary incentives are also paid by most of the State Governments/UT Administrations from their own resources. State-wise details are given at Annex-I.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.

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